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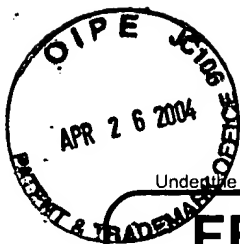
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
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1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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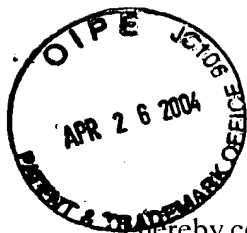
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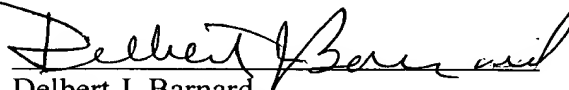
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This will supplement the Response that was filed on February 10, 2004, relating to the above identified application.

In the Office Action dated October 10, 2003, claims 1-10 were all rejected has been

unpatentable over Dorner et al. D449,424 in combination with Lindheim 1,245,475. Dorner et al. D449,424 issued from an application that was filed on August 23, 2000. It is submitted that the rejection based on the combined teachings of Dorner et al. D449,424 and Lindheim 1,245,475 is not a proper rejection because Dorner et al. D449,424 is not a proper prior art reference with respect to this application. Accompanying this Supplemental Response is a Declaration signed by the applicant and submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.131. The Declaration establishes that the applicant reduced his invention to practice on May 29, 2000. Dorner et al. D449,424, relied upon by the Examiner, has an effective date, its filing date, of August 23, 2000. Therefore, Dorner et al. D449,424 is not a proper reference since the applicant has been able to successfully swear behind Dorner et al. D449,424 by approximately three months.

Applicant's Declaration establishes that on May 29, 2000, he made four of his "M" hats and he, his sister, his sister's husband and a friend wore the hats at a televised baseball game played by the Seattle Mariners and the Chicago White Sox on that day. Exhibit II to applicant's Declaration shows the four "M" hat that were made by applicant on April 26, 2000, and worn at the game on that day by applicant, his sister, his sister's husband and a friend. Exhibit III is a still picture made from the videotape of the game that was made by applicant's father. Applicant's declaration testimony is collaborated by Exhibit I, copies of the tickets used by applicant and his friend, a parking coupon used by applicant's sister and her husband, by Exhibit II, a picture of the four "M" hats that were made by applicant on April 26, 2000 and worn by him, his sister, his sister's husband and his friend, at the game, by Exhibit III, the still picture made from the videotape of the game which shows applicant holding up his "M" hat and applicant sister wearing her "M" hat, and by the declaration of applicant's father, sister, her husband and a friend.

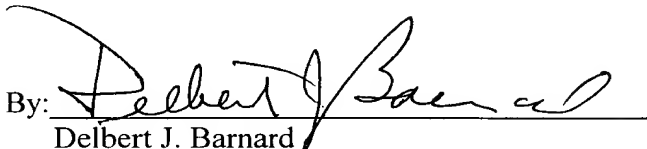
Based on the overwhelming evidence that applicant reduces his invention to practice before the priority date of Dorner et al. D449,424, the applicant respectfully submits that Dorner

et al. D449,424 is not a proper reference. Therefore, the rejection based upon Dorner D449,424 in view of Lindheim 1,245,475 cannot be sustained.

For all of the reasons states, the applicant respectfully request that claims 1 - 10 be granted and this application be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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